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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 399, L.D. 523, Bill, "An Act To Designate 2-1-1 Maine, Incorporated as the Sole Provider for 2-1-1 Information and Referral Services for the State of Maine"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission To Designate a Sole Provider of 2-1-1 Information and Referral Services in Maine'

Further amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the 3rd Whereas paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 12 and 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and an Internet database"

Further amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 4th to 6th Whereas paragraphs (page 1, lines 20 to 36 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7108 is enacted to read:

§7108. Use of 2-1-1 number; designation of sole entity entitled to use

The commission may designate an appropriate entity to be the sole entity entitled to use the 2-1-1 telephone number assigned by the Federal Communications Commission to be used for access to

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2 information and referral services. A designation may not extend
3 for more than 3 years but may be renewed by the commission, after
4 review, for successive periods of up to 3 years each. There is
5 no limit on the number of times the commission may renew a
6 designation of the same entity pursuant to this section. Before
7 making a designation or renewing a designation, the commission
8 shall determine that the designation or renewal is in the public
9 interest. The commission may consult with appropriate state and
10 local agencies and other public or private entities before
11 granting a designation or renewing a designation. The commission
12 may suspend, revoke, terminate or modify a designation if the
13 commission determines the public interest is no longer served by
14 the designation or in response to actions by the Federal
15 Communications Commission that affect the availability or
16 assigned use of the 2-1-1 number.

17 **Sec. 2. Initial designation of 2-1-1 service provider.** Within 60
18 days of the effective date of this act or the receipt by the
19 Public Utilities Commission of a request from an entity for a
20 designation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A,
21 section 7108, whichever is later, the commission shall make a
22 designation pursuant to that section, provided the commission
23 determines that the designation satisfies the requirements of
24 that section.'

25 **SUMMARY**

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28 This amendment replaces the substance of the bill and
29 modifies the title and emergency preamble to reflect the changes
30 to the bill. The amendment authorizes the Public Utilities
31 Commission to designate an appropriate entity to be the sole
32 entity entitled to use the 2-1-1 telephone number assigned by the
33 Federal Communications Commission for access to information and
34 referral services. A designation may extend for no more than 3
35 years but may be renewed, after review, for successive terms.
36 Before making a designation or renewing a designation, the
37 commission shall determine that the designation or renewal is in
38 the public interest. The commission is authorized to suspend,
39 terminate or modify a designation if it determines the public
40 interest is no longer served by the designation or in response to
41 actions by the Federal Communications Commission that affect the
42 availability or assigned use of the 2-1-1 number.
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45 The amendment directs the commission to make a designation
46 within 60 days of the effective date of this Act or the receipt
by the commission of a request from an entity for designation,

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2 whichever is later, provided the commission determines the
designations is in the public interest.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A*

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds